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TILLMAN FLAYS APPELT.

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Fifteen Hundred People Gather at Manning and for Five Hours Listen to Senator Tillman Roast State Senator Appelt.

Special to The News and Courier

Manning, April 25.—The political overture for 1902 has been heard. The opening airs of the campaign were today offered at Manning. The leading role in the play was taken by Senator B. R. Tillman and the second role by State Senator Louis Appelt. If the balance of the opera is like that heard here today the state will hear "hot stuff" for many months, and the leader today suggested that the summer's play is so good that it be put on by two separate aggregations and rendered in various parts of the state simultaneously. The opening act of the play today lasted for nigh onto five hours. During most of that time Senator Tillman occupied the stage, although about an hour was given to State Senator Appelt.

Senator Tillman had things very much his own way and, of course, it is twaddle to suggest that he could not use this to his advantage. He is a fighter and, seeing that he had Senator Appelt hard pressed, he shoved and kept on shoving his knife, which is as sharp as ever.

It is a long story, this thing of the fight between Senator Appelt and Senator Tillman, and it would be tiresome to go over the whole thing at this time, but Senator Tillman, or rather his friends in Clarendon county, did not like the accusations, and the political opponents of Appelt saw a golden opportunity for "downing" the man who attacked our "noble leader." They doubted their own ability to whack Appelt so they had Tillman to come and try to crush him.

Now, the editorials have been running in the Manning Times, of which Mr. Appelt is editor, since December 11, and his contention is that the editorials did not charge that Tillman was a thief, but that all that he wrote was based upon certificates or statements that he had, and that he presented the certificates he claimed he could present, and that otherwise all that he had said was legitimate newspaper criticism. Senator Appelt said that if his friend could disprove the accusation he would be delighted, but that the burden of his fight was to protect the primary and see that no one was squeezed out of it, and that it was best and fairest for the people, and not a committee, to be the judges of a man's Democracy. As for himself he insisted that he was now, always had been and would remain a Democrat, and that he would abide the decision of the State convention, and if McLaurin was not a Democrat, friend of his as he was, he would not support him.

APPELT'S "PROOFS"
If Senator Appelt

promised proof that Tillman was mixed up in any rebate deals he was woefully and sadly disappointed, as there was absolutely nothing new—not a scratch—to show that Tillman had gotten any whisky, bond or other rebates, and when pressed Appelt said he was satisfied with Tillman's explanation about the entire whisky matter and the rebate question. What hurt Tillman more than anything else, he said, was that, after his long life, he should be charged with such wrongs by a "former friend."

Senator Tillman is a master at sarcasm and savage jabs, and to day he took special pleasure in using both arts, and yet Senator Appelt said he was "gratified with the light castigation" he had received.

The charges, if any there be, fell flat so far as the proof today went, except that Tillman has a telegraph frank, and that he used it in sending a message from Washington to Manning, and this Tillman said was not unlawful, and moreover he was not to be bought in such a small way. It was a mere courtesy.

THE REBATE MATTER.

Senator Tillman went into an elaborate explanation of the rebate matter and insisted that no one got liquor rebates while he was governor and that the rebates were waived because the dispensary had difficulty in establishing a line of credit and owed something for its long credit, and because the dispensary under him did not buy adulterated liquors, but used pure cologne extract and two-stamp liquor and that only one of these grades secured a rebate, and that the rebate was absorbed in the price of the liquor and that in those days the dispensary bought cheap and pure liquors and he did not worry to make a show of rebates, and it was senseless to keep on charging that he got any rebates.

SENATOR TILLMAN'S SPEECH.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman O. M. Davis. A prayer was offered and then Chairman Davis said it was his great pleasure to present United States Senator Benj. R. Tillman, who had been invited to speak at Manning.

Senator Tillman was received with great applause. He said it was eight years since he had the pleasure of meeting the people of Clarendon county. His first visit to Manning was in January 1886, and he recollected that it was possibly the coldest day he ever felt. It was his first speech, except that at Bennettsville in advocacy of the reforms and great principals he championed. He had always enjoyed the respect of the people of the county and

No Loss of Time.

I have sold Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for years, and would rather be out of coffee and sugar than it. I sold five bottles of it yesterday to threshers that could go no further, and they are at work again this morning.—H. R. Phelps, Plymouth, Oklahoma. As will be seen by the above the threshers were able to keep on with their work without losing a moment of time. You should get this Remedy

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had always gotten about two-thirds of the votes, and he wanted to say that he had always tried to serve the people to the best of his ability, so help him God. (Applause) It was remarkable to have a man elected governor twice and United States Senator twice come among the people and defend his private and official duties. There is no public man who has not had to meet abuse, and in fact if there was any man who had been pelted more than himself he would like to see him.

In spite of these dirty insinuations he felt that the people did not believe the charges, but he wanted to settle and kill the rotten thing now once and for all time. He came here because his character and record had been attacked, and because there were insidious enemies of the Democratic party at work, and he had been attacked because he was the sentinel on guard, and he came here to defend himself and his party.

He read the invitation for him to come. He was here to face his accuser, face to face. He was here to answer all accusations and insinuations once for all, and he wanted every charge made and he would answer them.

It was a time-honored custom among Anglo-Saxons that the accused be presented with the charges that were preferred. The formal indictment should be offered and he was anxious to get it, but had failed.

Senator Tillman then read some correspondence that had passed between himself and Appelt.

He then took up the reply of Senator Appelt and said he had no business to answer an open attack by a private letter and claim protection of privacy. He did not see how a man could have two faces, one as my accuser and the other the face of my erstwhile friend. Under the circumstances he said he would disregard the usual courtesy that obtains among gentlemen and read the "private" letters, because Appelt had no right to answer an official "declaration of war with a 'private' letter."

As he read these letters he would stop and throw in a few gratuitous jabs. He asked whether it would be the thing for the Clarendon game cock to absent himself from the meeting, as he suggested he may do, but Appelt strictly on hand from the start to the finish. He had his